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NAMES OF BOARD AND OFFICERS.

W. EDGAR MARTIN, *President.*

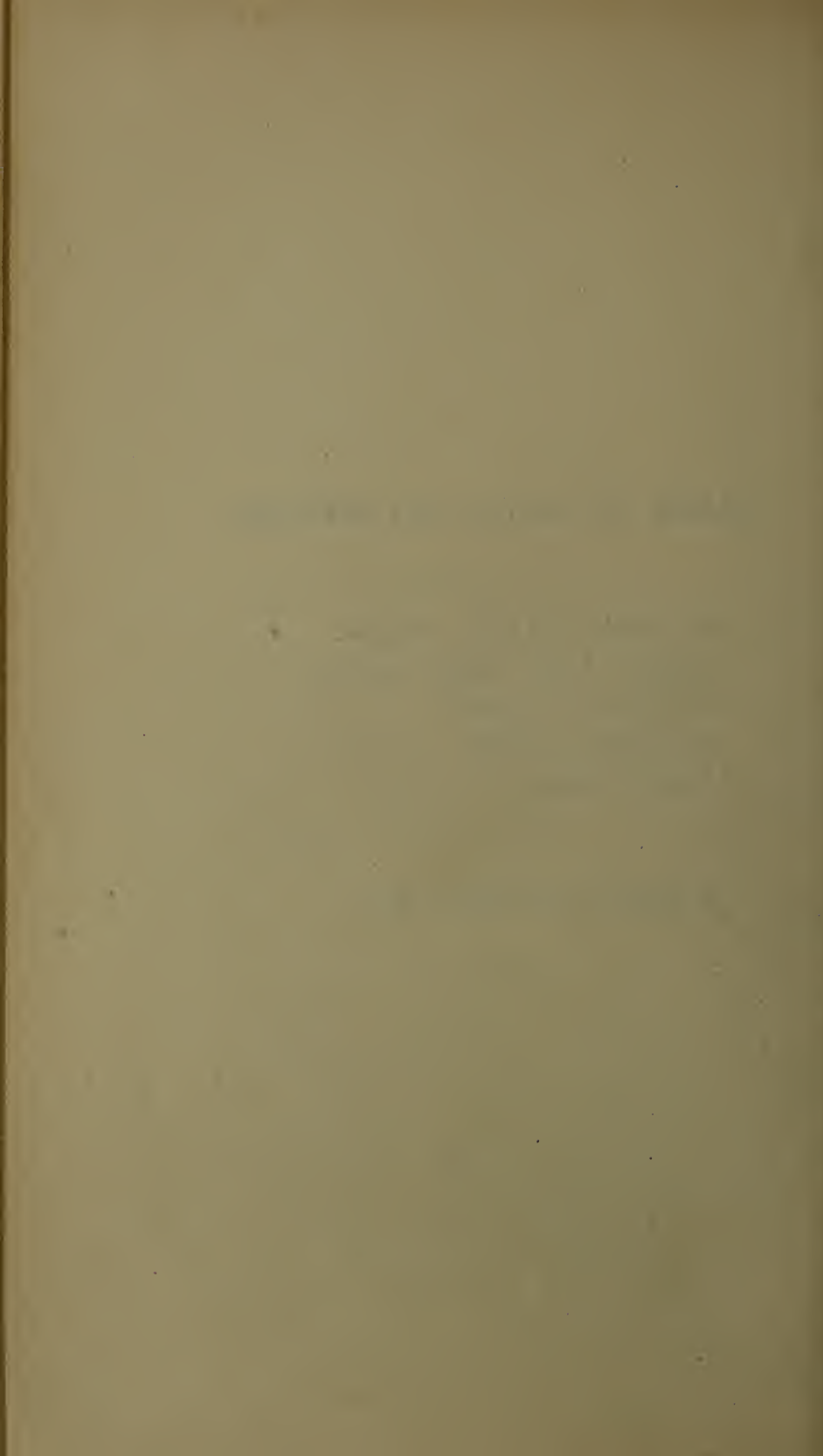
ALBERT J. BRUNELLE, *Secretary.*

CHARLES F. RIPLEY.

WILLIAM S. BRIRY.

JOHN J. TOBIN.

JOSEPH E. BUSWELL, *Agent.*



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY DAVID I. WALSH, *Governor*.

SIR:—In compliance with section 22, chapter 76, of the Revised Laws, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy has the honor to submit the following report.

The drug business in Massachusetts in common with that of other parts of this country is experiencing a condition verging on a crisis. Due in the main to the continued European conflict, the supply of commodities ordinarily without limit has been either entirely cut off or reduced to the minimum, and prices have soared to levels without parallel. This has made necessary with a great many retail druggists an increased investment, and has obliged them to be satisfied with a greatly decreased margin of profit. Trade reports, however, indicate a somewhat increased volume of business, and the increasing number of stores would indicate that the business continues to attract capital.

Recent developments in the affairs of the larger chain stores' organizations would appear to indicate that these interests had come to a sense of realization that promiscuous price demoralization at the expense of a living profit is not a desirable condition, and while the policy of the new management has not been announced, the rank and file of retail druggists are observing these evolutions with keen interest.

During the last twelve months thirty-two new drug stores have been opened. Twenty-six have closed their doors for various reasons, the total number now doing business being 1,751, as against 1,745 last year.

The war income tax which placed a stamp tax on toilet articles and perfumes, which went into effect December 1,

1914, has added a new burden to the retail druggists. The manufacturer has in the majority of instances increased his price to cover this tax, while the retailer on account of keen competition has found it impossible to shift the responsibility.

The rough spots caused by the Harrison Act, with numerous treasury rulings, are gradually disappearing, and from the comparatively few violations, intentional or otherwise, we are assured that the druggists of this State have applied themselves diligently to acquire an intelligent understanding of its provisions, with a view to complying to the letter with its requirements, thereby demonstrating their hearty co-operation in obtaining the best results from this important legislation.

When the United States Harrison Act and similar State narcotic legislation became operative, an inconsistency appeared in section 2, chapter 213, Revised Laws, which provides that laudanum, McMunn's elixir, morphia or any of its salts, and opium may be sold upon registration in the "poison book" so called. As those drugs cannot be sold except under the provisions of the narcotic law, we would recommend that the names of said narcotics appearing in this section be stricken out.

We would also recommend a change in the definition of a drug store as now given in section 1, chapter 705, Acts of 1913. Briefly, this section as it now stands describes the drug store as a place where prescriptions may be dispensed and in which narcotics may be sold. We feel that a definition that would cover the sale of all potent drugs would be more comprehensive.

The work of the Board continues to increase in volume, and the members, especially the secretary, are obliged to give the Board's affairs a correspondingly increasing portion of their time. The secretary is obliged to devote a part of each day to this office, and the Board feels that the salary now received is inadequate to properly compensate his services. We therefore, respectfully recommend that the salary of the secretary be increased to fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

We are again able to report that our commission has been self-supporting, turning into the treasury of the Commonwealth \$1,811.57 over our expenses.

The permit law passed in 1913 has continued to assist the Board greatly not only in the correction of wrong conditions but in their prevention. We see a general advancement on the part of the druggists in complying with the law, and progress from year to year towards maintaining a high professional standard.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. BRUNELLE.

CHARLES F. RIPLEY.

W. EDGAR MARTIN.

WILLIAM S. BRIRY.

JOHN J. TOBIN.

By provision of law the term of Mr. Brunelle expired November 30. Previous to his appointment to this Board, Mr. Brunelle had long been prominently identified with associations and interests akin to pharmacy. In the discharge of his duties he always displayed a degree of keen interest and enthusiasm which, together with his peculiar qualifications for the work, made him a most valuable member and State servant.

Mr. Brunelle served in the capacity of secretary for two years, during which time, on account of the permit and other new laws, the duties of the office were greatly increased. Under his direction filing systems and methods were installed which greatly facilitated the work of the office. His conscientious efforts and good fellowship endeared him to the hearts of his fellow members who feel a substantial loss at his retirement.

W. EDGAR MARTIN.

CHARLES F. RIPLEY.

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JOHN J. TOBIN.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Meetings for examinations have been held on dates and with results as follows:—

EXAMINATIONS.

1914-15.	Number of Days.	Number examined.	Number granted Full Reg- istration.	Number granted Assistant Cer- tificates.	Number of Assist- ants failing to receive Full Reg- istration.	Number found not Qualified to receive any Cer- tificate.
December 8, . . .	1	15	5	3	5	2
December 15, . . .	1	16	7	2	2	3
December 16, . . .	1	16	5	2	7	2
January 5, . . .	1	17	9	3	3	2
January 6, . . .	1	16	2	6	6	2
January 12, . . .	1	16	10	4	1	1
January 19, . . .	1	16	5	6	5	6
February 2, . . .	1	17	4	3	7	2
February 9, . . .	1	16	3	0	9	4
February 16, . . .	1	16	4	2	6	4
March 2, . . .	1	16	1	6	5	4
March 9, . . .	1	15	5	3	3	3
March 16, . . .	1	14	4	3	5	2
March 23, . . .	1	14	1	7	5	2
April 6, . . .	1	16	1	3	7	3
April 13, . . .	1	16	3	4	5	4
April 14, . . .	1	15	0	2	1	3
April 20, . . .	1	16	4	5	4	2
April 27, . . .	1	15	7	7	4	6
May 5, . . .	1	16	1	8	6	1
May 11, . . .	1	15	3	7	4	1
May 18, . . .	1	15	3	1	6	6
May 25, . . .	1	16	4	6	2	6
June 1, . . .	1	16	6	5	5	6
June 8, . . .	1	16	5	6	3	2
June 9, . . .	1	16	6	8	1	2
June 15, . . .	1	16	4	5	6	2
June 23, . . .	1	17	2	8	2	3
September 22, . . .	1	16	1	2	9	4
September 27, . . .	1	15	5	4	2	4
October 5, . . .	1	15	3	2	4	3
October 13, . . .	1	13	2	1	7	3
October 19, . . .	1	15	7	2	3	6
October 25, . . .	1	17	2	5	6	6
November 3, . . .	1	16	4	4	5	2
November 9, . . .	1	13	9	2	1	2
November 15, . . .	1	13	6	1	3	2
November 23, . . .	1	16	8	2	4	2
Totals, . . .	33	594	161	151	178	206

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriations.

Salaries of members of the Board,	\$3,800 00
Traveling and other expenses of the members,	1,725 00
Salary and expenses of the agent,	2,400 00
Stenographer, clerical assistance, and incidental office ex- penses,	3,200 00
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	\$11,125 00

Expenditures.

Salaries of members of the Board,	\$3,800 00
Traveling and other expenses of the members,	1,164 40
Salary and expenses of the agent,	2,204 20
Stenographer, clerical assistance, and incidental office ex- penses,	3,198 56
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	\$10,367 16

Receipts.

220 fees for first examination \$5,	\$1,100 00
407 fees for re-examination at \$3,	1,221 00
22 fees for reciprocal registration at \$10,	220 00
10 fees for duplicate certificates at \$1,	10 00
19 fees for clerical services relating to reciprocity,	19 00
1,572 fees for liquor certificates at \$5,	7,860 00
2,032 fees for permits to operate drug stores, ¹	2,032 00
Interest credited on fees deposited in national bank,	6 73
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Total amount of fees received,	\$12,468 73
Deducting amount returned for fees cancelled,	290 00
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Amount paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth,	\$12,178 73

Surplus paid into the Treasury.

Amount paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth,	\$12,178 73
Expenditures from appropriations,	10,367 16
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Amount paid the Commonwealth in excess of the Board's expense to the Commonwealth,	\$1,811 57

¹ The number of fees received for permits exceeds the number of drug stores (1,751), owing to the fact that a new permit is required upon change of ownership of a store; also, when permits are refused, sometimes several re-applications are made.

Of the 161 persons who passed the examinations and were granted certificates of registration in pharmacy: —

31 passed on first examination.	6 passed on sixth examination.
51 passed on second examination.	1 passed on eighth examination.
32 passed on third examination.	1 passed on eleventh examination.
25 passed on fourth examination.	1 passed on twelfth examination.
13 passed on fifth examination.	

Certificates of registration have been granted by reciprocity as follows: —

2 registered from Connecticut.
1 registered from Indiana.
6 registered from Maine.
6 registered from New Hampshire.
1 registered from Virginia.
3 registered from Vermont.

Of the 1,572 applications for liquor certificates received: —

- 20 were granted sixth-class license certificates for the balance of the license year ending May 1, 1915 (from Dec. 1, 1914).
- 19 were granted certificates of fitness for the balance of the license year ending May 1, 1915 (from Dec. 1, 1914).
- 994¹ were granted sixth-class license certificates for the license year ending May 1, 1916 (record closing with this report).
- 512 were granted certificates of fitness for the license year ending May 1, 1916 (record closing with this report).
- 27 were refused or withdrawn.

The following pharmacists have died during the year: —

Frank W. Bacon, Waltham.	Edward Ellingwood, Lowell.
Frederick Bailey, Lowell.	Charles B. Emerson, Haverhill.
Joseph O. Beaudreau, Salem.	Herman J. Epstein, Boston.
Eli Bence, Pittsfield.	John I. Fellows, Fitchburg.
George S. T. Bliss, Dorchester.	John H. FitzGerald, Cambridge.
Charles N. Brooks, Salem.	Richard P. Golden, Leominster.
William D. Burdett, Marlborough.	Herbert S. Goodridge, Lynn.
Frederick H. Clark, Norwood.	E. E. Henderson, Boston.
William E. Coman, Dorchester.	Fred A. Hubbard, Newton.
Ernest E. Cote, New Bedford.	Philip H. Lawrence, Brockton.
John Dey, Boston.	William H. Mansfield, East Pepperell.
Charles F. Eaton, Boston.	

¹ This does not show the exact number of sixth-class licenses in operation, as the actual granting of licenses is left with local authorities.

Percy E. Manning, Roxbury.
 Thomas E. McNally, Boston.
 Joseph E. Mello, New Bedford.
 Timothy E. Murphy, Boston.
 Benjamin W. Paton, Worcester.
 Albert S. Putnam, Charlestown.
 Charles F. E. Rice, Boston.
 Thomas Roche, Salem.
 George F. Ropes, Salem.
 Daniel Seiniger, Boston.

Charles H. Shattuck, Everett.
 Samuel A. D. Sheppard, Boston.
 Alfred W. Tilton, Boston.
 William E. Turple, Worcester.
 William H. A. Walsh, Cambridge.
 Richard J. Wills, East Boston.
 Benjamin O. Wilson, Boston.
 William A. Wood, Beverly.
 William L. Wright, Boston.

SUMMARY.

Meetings: —

For examinations,	38
For hearings,	14
Total number of meetings,	52

Hearings: —

In relation to the suspension of certificates of registration for violation of the liquor law,	23
In relation to the suspension of certificates of registration for habits of intoxication,	1
In relation to the suspension or revocation of liquor certificates,	29
In relation to the suspension, revocation or refusal of drug store permits,	32
In relation to applications for permits and liquor certificates,	52
In relation to reciprocal applications for registration,	1
In relation to reinstating suspended pharmacists,	3
Total number of hearings,	141

Results of hearings, etc: —

Number of certificates of registration suspended for 90 days,	1
Number of certificates of registration suspended for 60 days,	1
Number of certificates of registration suspended for 15 days,	1
Number of cases placed on file,	21
Number of sixth-class licenses and certificates of fitness suspended,	14
Number of drug store permits revoked for violation of the law,	13
Number of permits refused or withheld until conditions were satisfactory to the Board, this meaning in some cases an entire change of ownership,	11

Number of stores prevented from opening as drug stores by refusal of permit, conditions not conforming with the law, and no change taking place later,	4
Number of stores temporarily closed as drug stores through suspension of permit,	1
Number of suspended pharmacists reinstated,	2

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. BRUNELLE,

Secretary.